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Four Tennessee Schools Honored for Academic Achievement

NASHVILLE – Four Tennessee Title I schools have been named 2012 Title I Distinguished Schools for exceptional student performance overall, or for significantly closing the achievement gap between student groups. Title I is a distinction given to schools that serve a large population of economically disadvantaged students.

“All kids can learn and be successful, and these outstanding schools prove just that,” said Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman. “I want to congratulate these four schools, and thank them for setting a high bar for achievement.”

The following schools are Title I Distinguished Schools:

National Winners	State Winners
<i>Exceptional Student Achievement</i> Fairmont Elementary School , Johnson City Schools — Carol McGill, principal	<i>Exceptional Student Achievement</i> John P. Freeman Optional School , Memphis City Schools — Monica Smith, principal
<i>Significantly Closing the Achievement Gap</i> David Crockett Elementary , Lawrence County — Anne Ray, principal	<i>Significantly Closing the Achievement Gap</i> Michigan Avenue Elementary School , Bradley County — Robert Brittingham, principal

The National winners will receive \$5,000, and represent Tennessee at the 2012 National Title I conference in January in Seattle, Washington. State winners will receive \$1,000, and all four winners will be recognized at an upcoming Tennessee Board of Education meeting.

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